referring to the compound of general formula (M) or (C) (page 3, lines 10-12).

Applicants wish to make it clear that any previous remarks should not be understood or interpreted as meaning that the compound of general formula (C) is not a coloring coupler, which would not be correct.

The remarks below more correctly describe the compounds of general formula (C).

In the present invention, the compounds of general formula (C) has a coupler structure, and will react with an oxidized color developing agent. The compounds of general formula (C), however, provide the desired increase in speed while maintaining a function as a coupler by designing the coupling activity to be at a low level and decreasing the addition amount thereof. It is believed that this is due to the mechanism of increasing the number of development initiating points of silver halide. See, in this regard, the specification at page 5, lines 4-19 and following lines.

As earlier pointed out, the use of a coloring coupler other than the compounds of general formula (C) in the photosensitive material of the present invention is disclosed in the specification at page 64, line 21 *et seq*.

Referring now to Example, Samples 103 and 104 disclosed in Table 3 correspond to the specific embodiment of claim 21.

In Sample 103, 0.064g/m2 of compound (64) was added to the 6^{th} layer (high-speed red-sensitive emulsion layer). The addition amount can be obtained by calculation from the ratio between the amount of Ag added to the 6th layer and the amount of addition of compound (C) presented in Table 3. In contrast, the amount of the main coupler ExC-1 was 0.245g/m2. Thus,

support for the use of a far greater amount of the main coupler being added than that of compound (C) of the present invention can be found in Example.

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